



**Arizona Department of Health Services  
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs  
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update  
November 2006**

**Committee Name:** Cultural Competency **Contact Person:** Dr. John Molina & Jill Wendt

**Priority Strategy(ies) and Status:**

**Goal 5. Develop a Cultural Competency Committee to support all the activities of the Statewide Integrated Service Task Force.**

- Review membership- on-going

**Objective 5.1. Support participation of traditionally under-represented families in decision-making, educational, and technical assistance activities.**

- Quest to Cure: Sick Cell Foundation recently conducted a presentation to our committee and as a result, they partnered with Arizona Center For Disability Law and conducted an educational seminar for parents entitled: Educational Rights of Students with Sick Cell” on October 25, 2006. Quest to Cure focused on self-advocacy issues, ACDL focused on the state laws, qualifications for the 504 plan and the services available. Dr. Carolyn Harrison spoke to the impact of sickle cell on learning, current research related to nutrition, silent strokes, attention span, pediatricians and what parents need to do when they talk to their doctor.
- A Community Survey has been developed through this committee and has been reviewed by the Parent Action Council for comments. We plan to present it at the next Task Force Meeting as several other committees will be making comments.

**Objective 5.2. Develop Parent-Youth Leadership training materials that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for racial/ethnically diverse populations with special health care needs.**

- Encourage representation on the Cultural Competency Committee from the Parent Action Council, Transition Team, and the Education Committee.
- Committee will review the Parent-Youth Leadership training that will be available on our E-Learning website.
- This committee recently reviewed a “Family Profile” a tool developed by the Parent Action Council and gave comments and suggestions to them from a cultural perspective as they move forward with this tool.

**Objective 5.3. Recruit additional members for the community development teams that are representative of the economic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the communities they serve.**

- Utilize grant dollars to facilitate family members’ participation in activities, i.e., cover costs of child care and transportation.
- In collaboration with the Community Development Unit, 2 new Community Action Teams have been formed. One is called “Turtle Nation Coalition”, located on the Hopi Reservation and the other is called the Sick Cell Team, which contains members from Maricopa County.

**Opportunities for integration:**

- ADHS Office of Minority Health
- Faith-based organizations
- Community Development Unit and OCSHCN Parent Leaders

**Barriers identified:****Support needed:****Recommendations to the Task Force:**